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Akerman Once Again Distinguished by Chambers Latin America

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Lawyers Recognized For Leading International Arbitration and Cuba Practices

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm, is recognized by *Chambers* among the world's leading law firms in Latin America, with standout lawyers handling complex disputes and transactions throughout the region. The firm's Cuba Practice was again recognized among the five best in the Corporate/Commercial category for law firms based abroad, and among the top 11 law firms worldwide. Augusto Maxwell, chair of Akerman's Cuba Practice, was ranked as a leading lawyer in Cuba Corporate/Commercial law. Luis A. Perez, co-chair of Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice, was ranked in International Arbitration: Latin America-wide.

This recognition follows Akerman's milestone ranking in the 2016 edition of *Chambers Global* as the only U.S. firm whose Cuba Practice was distinguished in General Business Law (Expertise Based Abroad) and among the best in International Arbitration: Latin America-wide. The firm also is recognized in the current edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*, for which Akerman was nationally ranked for International Trade and Finance Law and International Arbitration – Commercial.

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About Akerman

Akerman LLP is a leading transactions and trial law firm known for its core strengths in middle market M&A, within the financial services and real estate industries, and for a diverse Latin America practice. With more than 650 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 24 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The American Lawyer* (2016). Akerman also is ranked among the top 60 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer*'s Diversity Scorecard (2016).

Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice includes lawyers and advisors who represent multinational clients in transactions and disputes covering a wide range of legal issues, including cross-border M&A, joint ventures, securities offerings, syndicated and secured lending transactions, project financings, debt restructurings, complex construction work and other contractual matters. The team possesses significant experience in representing global companies in connection with establishing and developing a U.S. presence and in managing their Latin American operations.